

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 575

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Delta Company of the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and Tennessee is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Delta Company of the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserves, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, has bravely defended this nation since 1943 in theaters of combat all over the world; and

WHEREAS, recent deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Marine Expeditionary Units in the Pacific, and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion recently returned home to Tennessee on January 22, 2014, after serving as the headquarters element of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of Tennessee have helped Delta Company ensure an outstanding reputation for service and courage; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Marine Corporal and Ashland City Firefighter K. Daniel Greer paid the ultimate sacrifice in Operation Enduring Freedom in South Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Marine Lance Corporal and Madisonville Police Officer Franklin “Frankie” N. Watson also paid the ultimate sacrifice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion are also exemplary citizens, public servants, and leaders in their communities who display honor, courage, and commitment in all their civilian and military endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the members of Delta Company of the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion selflessly serve with courage and valor and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize the brave and noble members of Delta Company, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, as they have made and continue to make untold and innumerable personal sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and will continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of Delta Company of the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, for their valiant service to our State and Nation, and extend to them our sincerest gratitude for preserving our freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.